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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEARCH OF
INFORMATION ASSOCIATED WITH THE
ACCOUNT IDENTIFIED AS
SOCALDUDE45@YAHOO.COM AND YAHOO
ID: SOCALDUDE45, THAT IS STORED
AT PREMISES CONTROLLED BY
YAHOO!, INC.

No. 16-0305M

GOVERNMENT'S EX PARTE APPLICATION
TO UNSEAL SEARCH WARRANT AND
AFFIDAVIT

The United States of America, by and through its counsel of
record, the United States Attorney for the Central District of
California and Assistant United States Attorney Justin R. Rhoades,
hereby files an Ex Parte Application To Unseal Search Warrant and
Affidavit.

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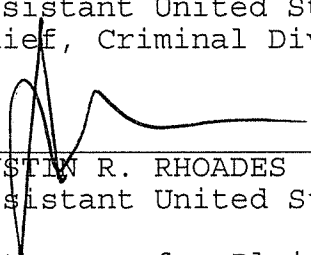
1 This Application is based upon the attached declaration of
2 Justin R. Rhoades, the files and records in this case, and such
3 further evidence and argument as the Court may permit.
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5 Dated: September 6, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

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DECLARATION OF JUSTIN R. RHOADES

I, JUSTIN R. RHOADES, declare as follows:

1. I am an Assistant United States Attorney in the United States Attorney's Office for Central District of California. I prepared the warrant in the matter of the search of Information Associated With The Account Identified As Socaldude45@Yahoo.Com and Yahoo Id: Socaldude45, That is Stored at Premises Controlled by Yahoo!, Inc.

2. On February 16, 2016, the government applied for and obtained from Magistrate Judge Alka Sagar, a warrant to search the Account Identified As Socaldude45@Yahoo.Com and Yahoo Id: Socaldude45, That is Stored at Premises Controlled by Yahoo!, Inc., for evidence of violations of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2252A(a)(2) (receipt and distribution of child pornography), and 2252A(a)(5)(B) (possession of child pornography). That warrant was docketed as 16-0305M.

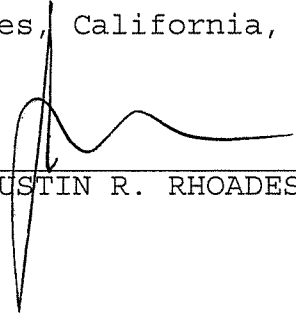
3. In conjunction with the search warrant, the government obtained an order sealing the warrant and underlying affidavit to prevent target from learning about the investigation and either fleeing or destroying evidence. I am informed that the search warrant was subsequently executed by the FBI and the user of that account may have been notified of the existence of the underlying investigation.

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1 4. Now that the search warrant has been executed, there is no
2 longer a need to maintain the affidavit under seal. For these
3 reasons, the government seeks an order unsealing the search warrant
4 and accompanying affidavit.

5 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United
6 States of America that the foregoing is true and correct and that
7 this declaration is executed at Los Angeles, California, on September
8 6, 2016.

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